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**(U) CALIFORNIA****(U) San Francisco – California Inmates Sought in Brazen Courthouse Escape**

(U) Two men charged with tying up employees at gunpoint during a cellphone store robbery escaped from a Silicon Valley courthouse yesterday, fleeing in a car waiting outside for them. The escape by Tramel McClough, 46, and John Bivins, 47, appeared to be orchestrated, and investigators were trying to determine how they got away from a sheriff's deputy who had been guarding them. People are asked to call police if they see them but not approach them.

SOURCE: 6 November 2017, [SF Gate](#)

**(U) San Francisco – Seventy Pounds of Methamphetamine Seized in Noe Valley Drug Bust**

(U) A police raid on a residence in the Noe Valley neighborhood of San Francisco led to the arrest of one man and the seizure of about 70 pounds of methamphetamine, two pounds of heroin, and more than \$46,000 in cash. Narcotics officers arrested Alejandro Alvarez, a 44-year-old San Francisco resident. Alvarez has been charged with possession of narcotics, intent to sell, and maintaining a place for the purpose of selling narcotics.

SOURCE: 6 November 2017, [SF Gate](#)

**(U) Santa Ana – Man Arrested in Videotaped Threat to California University**

(U) A man who posted videos of himself holding guns and smiling while describing his desire to go on a killing rampage has been arrested after threatening a staff member at a private university in Southern California that he attended. David Kenneth Smith, 39, pleaded not guilty to a charge of making threats after authorities received a report about an email exchange he had with a staff member at Soka University in Aliso Viejo last week.

SOURCE: 6 November 2017, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) NATIONAL****(U) District of Columbia – Man Who Threatened to Kill White Police Arrested Near White House**

(U) Washington – A man who reportedly went to Washington to kill "all white police" at the White House was taken into custody yesterday across the street from the heavily guarded compound, according to the Secret Service. Authorities were told by the suspect's former wife that his Facebook page said he was going to Washington with the intention of killing all white police at the White House. Police believe the man to be 37-year-old Michael Arega of Dallas.

SOURCE: 6 November 2017, [Washington Post](#)

**(U) Ohio – Man Jailed for 27 Years for Plotting to Murder Judge**

(U) Columbus – An Indian citizen has been sentenced to 27 years in prison for sending funds to al-Qa'ida and plotting to kill a judge. Yahya Farooq Mohammad, 39, was awaiting trial on charged of sending money to the terrorist organization when he offered an inmate \$15,000 to murder the judge due to hear his case. The inmate introduced Mohammad to a man who was an undercover FBI agent. Mohammad, who lives in Ohio, has admitted helping to send funds to US-born al-Qa'ida leader, Anwar Al-Awlaki.

SOURCE: 7 November 2017, [BBC](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) Texas – Air Force Error Allowed Texas Gunman to Buy Weapons**

(U) Sutherland Springs – A day after a gunman killed parishioners in a small Texas church, Air Force officials said that they had failed to enter the man's domestic violence court-martial into a federal database that could have blocked him from buying the rifle he used to kill 26 people. Under federal law, the conviction of the gunman for domestic assault on his wife and toddler stepson should have stopped him from legally purchasing the rifle and three other guns he acquired in the last four years.

SOURCE: 6 November 2017, [New York Times](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) France – Arrests Made in French, Swiss Anti-Terrorism Raids**

(U) Menton –Ten people suspected of using encrypted social networks to prepare for a possible attack were arrested today in counterterrorism operations in France and Switzerland. Among those arrested were a 23-year-old Colombian woman and 27-year-old Swiss man, both targets of a Swiss investigation into banned violent extremist groups. The suspected plot did not appear to be fully developed but authorities acted out of concern that the group was moving toward action.

SOURCE: 7 November 2017, [France 24](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – Britain Expands Project on Mental Health in Terrorism**

(U) London –A project looking at links between mental health and terrorism in three English cities has been expanded nationwide after it found a significant number of people referred to counter-radicalization programs suffer some form of mental illness. Studies have suggested the prevalence of mental health issues among militants working together on major strikes is very low but a string of killings by so-called lone wolves has fueled concerns mental illness could be a factor behind some attacks.

SOURCE: 7 November 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – British Cryptocurrency Electroneum Hit by Cyber Attacker after Raising \$40M**

(U) Maidstone –A UK cryptocurrency startup that raised \$40 million has been hit by a cyber attack that has shut investors out of their accounts for several days. Electroneum, which offers a digital currency that can be mined using smartphones, was due to launch its website and mobile app last week, having crowdfunded millions of dollars in bitcoin and ether. The Maidstone-based company's website came under a distributed denial of service (DDoS) cyber attack last week.

SOURCE: 6 November 2017, [Telegraph](#)

**(U) Southern Border****(U) California – Fentanyl Found in SUV's Muffler at San Ysidro Border**

(U) San Diego –Customs and Border Protection officers discovered about \$588,000 worth of fentanyl hidden inside an SUV's muffler and arrested the driver at the San Ysidro Port of Entry over the weekend. The 43-year-old man, a Mexican citizen with a tourist visa, drove up to the border crossing at about 11:40 a.m. on 4 November, according to officials. Using an imaging system to scan the 2003 Chevrolet TrailBlazer, customs officers noticed anomalies in the muffler.

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